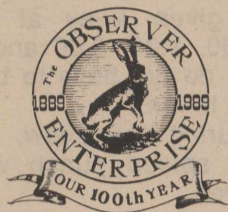


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Friday, December 1, 1989

Christmas activities set this weekend

Robert Lee

The man whose name will be a household word all over the country for the next month is neither a Texan, young, handsome, fashionably slim, nor fashion-conscious (he has worn the same old suit for 200 years). He's not George Bush, Jerry Vandergriff, or even Tom Selleck; he's known as Santa Claus, St. Nick, or Kris Kringle. This jolly, sweet old man is loved because he makes our dreams come true and the child in all of us looks forward to his arrival each Christmas season. He will arrive in Robert Lee Saturday afternoon, Dec. 2.

The WCCCD has planned a full afternoon for everyone on Saturday. Merchants have

joined in the celebration and will stay open extra hours with refreshments, drawings, and special sales to accommodate shoppers. The development organization encourages everyone to shop at home for good selections, convenience, and personal service.

The downtown party will be in full swing from 2 pm until darkness falls, about 6. Thirty arts, crafts, and food booths will be set up between the county library and the tax office. Carolers will be on hand, pinatas for the children to break; Santa will arrive, led by the Stompin' Steer Band, by parade, at 4 pm. He will pass out gifts to the kids and pictures with him will be available for \$2.00.

Merchants who want their drawing winners drawn and

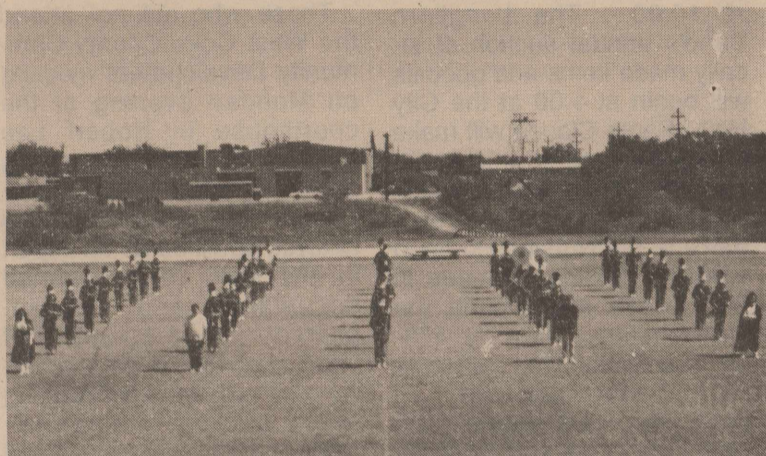
announced at the downtown party should have their boxes at the Gazebo before 3 pm.

Get the Christmas Spirit and attend the Ole Time Christmas celebration in Robert Lee!

Bronte

The magic of the Holiday season will come alive along the sidewalks of downtown Bronte on Saturday, December 2nd. Gift shoppers and food lovers will delight in the treasures available in shops and street booths. Sponsored by the Bronte Area Chamber of Commerce, the afternoon's activities include a "Christmas Treasure Hunt" with area residents matching the number on their Holiday flyer to the posted winning

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The Bronte Longhorn Marching Band will be presented on an upcoming special program "Let Your Band Play" on KTAB-TV, Channel 4, Dec. 23 from 12 noon until 2:30 pm. The film was made during the U.I.L. Marching Contest.

"Let Your Band Play"

On Saturday, December 23, 1989 from 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm KTAB-TV, Channel 4, will proudly present a special program honoring the area high school marching bands. "Let Your Band Play" will be the first program of its kind to be aired in the Big Country.

Twenty-nine of the finest high school marching bands were involved in the All Conference Marching Contest on October 28 and KTAB-TV was there to capture the excitement. KTAB-TV takes great pride in

the Big Country's young people and this is just one more way to congratulate the youth and the parents and teachers that make this all possible.

So please let this be your personal invitation to join us on Saturday Dec. 23, 1989, 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm when we show off the Big Country's finest as we "Let Your Band Play"!!

The Longhorn Band of Bronte High School will be presented in this film as they march their U.I.L. Marching Contest presentation.

Upcoming

Tax Ofc. Closing

The Coke County Tax Office will close at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 12, to enable the staff to meet with state representatives concerning policy and reporting changes coming to the County Tax Office.

Gospel Singing

Ole Fashioned Gospel singing will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 2-4 pm at the Bronte Senior Center.

Persons of all ages are invited to participate.

Br. Band Auction

The "Second Annual" December Band Auction will be held Saturday, December 2, at 1:00 pm in the Bronte Fire Station.

Junell to discuss finance

School finance will be the main topic of discussion at a Coke County Town Hall meeting Thursday, Dec. 7, hosted by State Representative Robert Junell beginning at 7:00 pm in the Robert Lee High School Auditorium.

The Texas Supreme Court, in its ruling on Edgewood vs. Kirby Suit, required the state to produce an equitable funding system for public

schools by May 1, 1990, and the Texas Legislature is slated to hold a special session to consider this issue this coming spring.

Junell said people interested in discussing additional topics during the meeting should make their requests known by calling his San Angelo District office, 657-0197, by noon on Tuesday, December 5.

Br. Methodists

Dr. J. Gordon Talk, San Angelo District Superintendent of the United Methodist church, is scheduled to preach in the worship service, and then preside for the annual Charge Conference, at the Bronte UMC this next Sunday. Lunch in the fellowship hall is to follow the worship, and the annual check-up meeting with nomination of many of the church's officers for 1990 will follow. The service of worship begins at 11:00 am.

RL Baptist Choir

Robert Lee Baptist Church adult choir will present their annual Christmas music this coming Sunday. First, the program will consist of solos and ensembles sung by children, youth and adults. Then, they will celebrate with the new cantata by Lin Sexton and Barry Braman, O LITTLE TOWN. The musical will be heard at Robert Lee Baptist church on Sunday, December 3, at 7:00 pm. The public is invited.

RL Decorations

Registration continues at the Robert Lee City Hall for the Outdoor Christmas Decoration Contest. Entry is free in the contest but to have your yard judged on Dec. 8, you must be registered. Three \$50.00 gift certificates will be awarded, which can be redeemed at any Robert Lee business. The merchant can then recover the certificate face value from D'Ann Eubanks, treasurer for the sponsor, West Coke County Community Development.

Aux. Bake Sale

The West Coke County Nursing Home Auxiliary will hold a fund-raising Bake Sale on Friday, Dec. 1, at the Post Office, 9 am until 12 noon.

Recertification dates set

If you are now receiving commodities and want to continue receiving them in 1990, you must recertify. If you are not receiving commodities and think you may qualify, come by the Robert Lee Neighborhood Center (old rec hall) or the Bronte Neighborhood Center Monday, Wednesday or Friday, December 4th, 6th, 8th, 1989, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. You cannot receive commodities in 1990 unless you sign-up or recertify.

Contact Juanita Schnabel or Zola Hatley in Robert Lee at 453-2314 or Margaret Martin, Geneva Minnick, or Lois Wallace in Bronte at 473-6471 if you cannot be available on these days. If you are handicapped, shut-in or unable to drive, call and arrangements will be made to accommodate you. Stover Taylor will be available

at the courthouse to sign-up or recertify you in the afternoon of December 4th, 6th, and 8th.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program was established by federal legislation. Through this program, the Texas Department of Human Resources contracts to provide needy people with commodities donated by the United States Department of Agriculture. All applications are welcome regardless of race, color or creed.

Commodity Dates

Food commodities will be distributed Thursday, December 7 at the Bronte and Robert Lee Senior Citizens Buildings from 8:00 am to 12 noon.

All commodities are distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

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numbers in the participating business.

Many merchants are planning their annual "Open House" beginning at 9:00, and the Bronte Seniors "Show & Sell" booth will open at 10:00. The Longhorn Band's annual auction of locally made items and goodies will begin at 1:00 at the City Hall. Santa Clause will make an appearance at 4:00 as he and his helpers arrive by helicopter at the Depot, and then move to the Nursing Home to lead the parade. Entries in the parade may phone the First National Bank at 473-2911, or see Jolene Barrett or Fran Pierce, sponsors. At 5:00, the food booths officially open, followed by caroling and the first staging of the live Nativity at 6:00 featuring elementary children. The second version of the Nativity at 6:45 will feature Jr. High and High School students.

OUTDOOR

DECORATION CONTEST
 All Bronte residents and businesses are encouraged to plan their outdoor decorating to show off its best by Friday, December 15th. Everyone in the community will be in on the judging that evening during "Christmas Cruisin" that evening after sunset. Load up the family and drive all over town - don't leave any street untraveled! Make notes of your favorite homes and businesses. When you are through, voting ballots will be at Davis Grocery and Town and Country Food Stores. Each person may vote once for the favorite home and business. Winners of the outdoor contest will receive gift certificates for merchandise at any Chamber member business in the amount of \$30.00, \$20.00, and \$10.00, winning businesses will receive dinner

for two at a local restaurant. The winners will be posted Monday at the First National Bank.

WCCCD Meeting

Those who did not attend the West Coke County Community Development meeting on Monday evening at the courthouse in Robert Lee missed a very interesting guest speaker in Virginia McCollom. She is a handwriting analyst, qualified as an expert in the field of questioned documents, and has appeared in court a number of times. Ms. McCollom is a noted graphologist, a handwriting expert skilled in making character analysis. She explained that study of one's handwriting can tell if the writer is violent, insecure, troubled, arrogant, vain, organized, outgoing, etc. She teaches basic education classes at Angelo State University.

In the business meeting that followed, various committee heads reported on the past, highly successful Hunter Appreciation BBQ, the upcoming Ole Time Christmas Party, and the Outdoor Decoration Contest.

Since no upcoming projects are scheduled, no meeting for the organization will be held in December, since the fourth Monday (regular meeting) will be on Christmas Day. The development group will meet on January 22, 1990.

EC Ambulance donations listed

Recent contributions to the East Coke County Ambulance Service are listed below.

DONATION IN HONOR of Mrs. Richard (Peggy) Hembree

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FOR: Bessie Hallmark

FROM: J. A. and Brenda Tidwell

FOR: Danielle Masters

FROM: J. A. and Brenda Tidwell

FOR: Billy Ray Bullard

FROM: Larry and Merte Kelso

FOR: Leland Hilliard

FROM: J. A. and Brenda Tidwell

Edith Hipp

Personal

Margaret Martin was in Fort Worth during some of the Thanksgiving Holidays.

She visited her son Gary Martin and his family and was joined on Thanksgiving morning by her daughter, Dorothy Ruth and husband, Dan Mitchell of Houston. She and the Mitchells returned to Bronte on Thursday evening for the remainder of the Holidays.

The Mitchells left Saturday morning.

DeAnn Parker will be working at Louise's Country Hair Designs each Thursday beginning November 30.

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Upcoming

Food Collection

During the month of December, specially marked boxes will be located in many Robert Lee food stores. Food items may be placed in these boxes for distribution to those in need during the Christmas season. West Coke County Community Development will sponsor the project.

A special account at the Robert Lee State Bank has been established to receive donations of money to help provide extra food items.

Canned goods and other non-perishable foods donated by the community will be collected and distributed by Alpha Kappa Pi.

The community's generosity in the past indicates this to be a worthwhile and needed project.

Please remember to share with those in need by adding to the community food collection boxes during December.

Arts and Crafts

The Arts and Crafts Department of the Bronte Senior Center will present an arts and crafts "Show, Tell, and Sell" in downtown Bronte, Saturday, December 2, from 10 am to 3 pm in the new American Printing Building.

Handmade doorprizes will be given away at 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00. You do not have to be present to win.

During the show, coffee and spiced punch will be served.

Any Bronte area resident who is 50 plus is invited to show arts, crafts and needlework.

For more information, call the Bronte Senior Center or Margaret Martin.

The show is in cooperation with "Christmas in Olde Bronte".

AIDS Discussion

Dr. Guno Kletter, who has a family practice clinic in Robert Lee, will speak on AIDS Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 1:45 at the Bronte Nursing Home. He will also present an update to nurses and personnel at the facility. Anyone interested in the public information is encouraged to attend or if you cannot be there, send your questions to the Bronte Nursing Home and they will be answered.

C/W Musical

The December Country/Western Musical will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7, in the Rec Hall at Robert Lee at 7:00 pm. A free family entertainment, held on the first Thursday of each month, it features both local and area musicians.

Big Buck Contest

Turkey and whitetail deer hunters may register for prizes in the Big Buck Contest until the end of the season, Jan. 7. A rifle for the widest antler spread and a hunting knife for the longest turkey beard will be given to the contest's winners. Registration is \$2.00 at most Robert Lee businesses. After a hunter is registered, measuring is available at Skinner's Grocery in Robert Lee or at Silver Peak Grocery, Silver. The contest is sponsored by the West Coke County Community Development.

40+ Dancers

The first Tuesday of each month, the 40 Plus Dance Club holds its gathering at the Robert Lee Rec Hall at 7 pm. The upcoming dance will be Dec. 5. Tickets are available at the door.

MC Golf Barbecue

Mountain Creek Golf Club will hold its annual barbecue, business meeting, and dance Dec. 9 at 7 pm in the Rec Hall at Robert Lee. If you plan to attend, notify the Club at 453-2317.



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Local district co-hosts GCD meeting

The Coke County Underground Water Conservation District recently co-hosted the quarterly meeting of the Texas Groundwater Conservation Districts Association meeting in San Angelo. Groundwater districts from Mertzon, Garden City, Sterling City and Van Court also served as co-hosts for the meeting. Water districts from as far away as Dumas, Austin and Jourdanton attended the meeting.

A business meeting was held to discuss proposed resolutions, plans for the program, new district creation and updating the By-laws to help the Association be more effective.

The program included discussions on computer software, mapping groundwater contamination and activities in the various water districts. The most important part of the program was to have the Railroad Commission of Texas meet with the Association to discuss Railroad Commission policy and actions on protection of groundwater from contamination. Jim Nugent, Railroad Commissioner, was the luncheon speaker. He spoke of the many improvements that have been made in Railroad Commission policy concerning protection of Groundwater.

Willis Steed discussed field operations and regulatory enforcement concerning improperly plugged and abandoned

oil and gas wells. Jerry Mulligan discussed underground water injection control. The discussion was very informative. Many questions were asked about oil and gas operations as related to groundwater contamination.

It is hoped that relations in

the field and prevention of groundwater contamination will improve following these discussions. J.D. Harmon and Eph Cummins attended the meeting in San Angelo as representatives of the Coke County Underground Water Conservation District.

W. Coke Senior Schedule

The December schedule for West Coke County Senior Citizens will begin with the required recertification sign-up for commodities on the 4th, 6th, and 8th. On Dec. 5, the Dept. of Human Services will be at the Senior Bldg. from 1-3 pm to help with any Senior question or problem.

Commodity distribution will be conducted on Thursday, Dec. 7. A free blood pressure clinic will be available 8-10 am by the Runnels County Home Health Care. On the 14th a W.T.C. representative will be in Robert Lee.

Following the Friday, Dec. 15 lunch, Gene Hirschfelt with the Texas Dept. of Public Safety will speak to the group at 12:45.

On the 19th, a member of

the Dept. of Human Services will again be at the Senior Bldg. from 1-3 pm. On that day a Beltone Hearing Aid representative will be available for free testing and hearing aid cleaning from 10 am - 2 pm.

Thursday, Dec. 21, is the date set for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Dance at the rec hall in Robert Lee. A volunteer Country/Western band plays for the monthly dance which begins at 7 pm.

Girling Home Health Care will hold a blood pressure clinic at the Dec. 27 congregate meal day.

The Senior Citizens' programs are funded in part by the area agency on Aging, Concho Valley Council of Governments from a grant received from the Texas Dept. of Aging.

Whitlock, Hinnard marry

Pamela Kay Whitlock and John Wilson Hinnard exchanged wedding vows on Friday, November 17 on the Concho Riverwalk in San Angelo. Peace Justice Ruth Nicholson officiated the marriage ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Johnnie and Linda Gifford of San Angelo. Thelma Jo Hinnard of Robert Lee and Gene Hinnard of Llano are parents of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bryan and Mrs. Pauline Thompson, all of Robert Lee,

are the groom's grandparents.

Serving as maid of honor was Robin Contreras, with Belinda Lopez as bridesmaid. Daniel Trombly served the groom as best man while Rick Taylor was groomsman. All of the wedding party attendants are San Angelo residents.

Mrs. Hinnard is a graduate of Chamblee High School in Atlanta, Georgia. The groom is a Robert Lee High School graduate and attended Angelo State University.

The couple is residing in San Angelo.

Barrett returns to Robert Lee

Betty Barrett has returned to Robert Lee after spending about 10 days in a San Angelo hospital. She is recovering from a brown recluse spider bite on Oct. 26, which required a skin graft. Although the area will be a long time in healing and is painful, she is feeling better.

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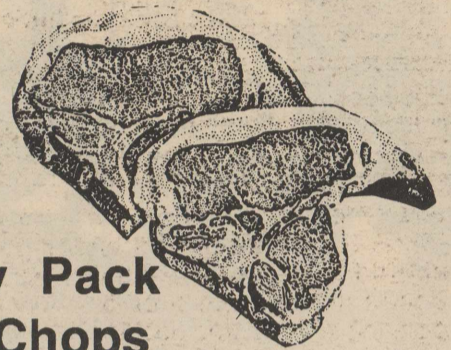


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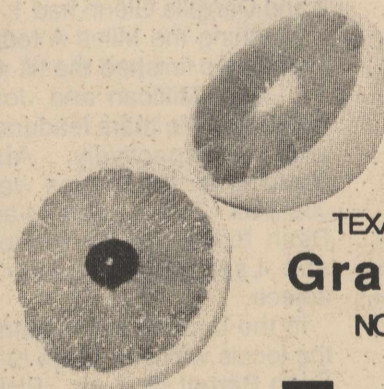
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



First year Robert Lee Home Economics students interact with kindergarten children in a child development study.

Steers drop final to GC

The Steers lost to Garden City last Friday night in their last game of the season. The Steers went down 14 to 0 in the 1st qtr., but they tightened up their defense after that and even though they could not get on the board they allowed no more scoring in the first half by Garden City. The Steers were making a contest out of this football game. The half ended, Garden City - 14, Robert Lee - 0.

With 8:22 left in the 3rd qtr., Ron McCown scored on a 29

yard run for the Steers. The score was GC 14 - RL 6, and it looked like the Steers might just win this ball game. The play that seemed to end the game for the Steers came on their first offensive play. The next time they had the ball, Garden City knocked the ball loose and recovered at the Steer 12 yard line. Garden City scored quickly and the Steers never seemed to come back from that. Final score was Garden City 48 - Robert Lee 6.

HE class works w/ Kindergarten

As an addition to their child development studies, the first year Home Economics class worked with the two Kindergarten classes taught by Christie Bagwell and Judy Gibbs. The experience helped the students further their communication skills with children. Much consideration was taken when planning activities and games for the eager learners. The students in the Home Ec. class also learned how to teach small children different tasks. The event initiated by Sheri Millican, produced a great time for learning and fun.

FHA involved in ACS Smokeout

The Robert Lee Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America participated in the American Cancer Society Smokeout on November 16. The members hung posters throughout the high school to support their cause. Also, they distributed stickers and other information to their peers, family, and other friends.

The FHA organization is thriving this year with thirty-one members. Sheri Millican, sponsor, is very pleased with the participation and enthusiasm being shown.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Hal,
Thanks for your support during the football season. We appreciate the paper and your coverage of our athletic events. Thanks again for everything.
Sincerely,
Coach Ed Poehls



The largest saguaro cacti, the common cactus of Mexican deserts and Western movies, are close to 200 years old, and weigh over ten tons.

Steers host Irion County

Both Robert Lee boys teams were defeated by Irion County at home on Tuesday, Nov. 21. Nine scorers added to the Steers total with Wes Horn leading at 10 pt. in the 58-50 contest. Also counting

for them were: Robert Rodriguez - 9; Jeff Wilkes - 6; Jason Wink - 6; Ron McCown - 5; Stephen Epperson - 5; Jon Rogers - 4; Brent McPeck - 4 and Lenny Jackson - 1.

In the JV game it was Irion County over Robert Lee 39-34. Russ Horn led with 10 pts. followed by Michael Hayes - 6; Danny Jackson - 6; John Fluhmann - 5; Blake Pitcock - 3; Brent Gibbs - 2 and Thad Metcalf - 2 in the close game.

The Lady Steers sailed by the Lady Hornets from Irion County 40-27. Becky Padgett led the scoring at 18 pts., hitting 67% of her free throws, and had 4 steals. Brooke Boone scored 9 points in the win and had 5 rebounds. Sheree Burns had 3 steals and Stephanie Poehls 3 assists as the team showed good hustle.

Robert Lee's JV girls flew past IC 33-26 with Gina Putman in the driver's seat with 9 pts. Lori Wink, Jonie Waggonner, and Audra Pitcock had 6 each with Stacy Oleksuk, Tracie Blair, and Shelley Burrows, 2 each.

Dogies sweep Miles at home

Robert Lee's Jr. High Dogies took a 3-game sweep over Miles at home on Monday night, Nov. 27.

Kristy White led the girls team with 12 in their 30-17 win, aided by Rachel Pentecost with 7. Other scorers were Wendy McPeck and Kim Carver at 4; Elaine Gibbs had 2 and Danielle Glenn had 1.

Crushing the Miles A team, the Dogies finished the tilt 48-11. Scot Millican and John Williams were team leaders 16 and 15 respectively. Also counting for the Dogies were Joe Blair - 7; Ricky Lott - 4 and Dean Burns, Jason Benton, and Lee McCown with 2 apiece.

In the boy's B team game, the locals whipped Miles 19-5. Sean Barrett hit 7 pts., Blake Payne and Chad Wagley had 4 each; James Tennison and Hardy Dunham got 2 each.



SCHOOL MENU

- Lunch**
Monday, Dec. 4
 Steak fingers w/gravy
 Cream Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Hot Rolls w/butter
 Pineapple Tidbits
 Milk
- Tuesday, Dec. 5**
 Pizza
 Lettuce & Tomato Salad
 Corn
 Fruit Cocktail
 Milk
- Wednesday, Dec. 5**
 Pinto Beans w/meat
 Spinach
 French Fries w/catsup
 Corn Bread w/butter
 Appletisp
 Milk
- Thursday, Dec. 7**
 Corn Dogs w/mustard
 Pork & Beans
 Tator Tots w/catsup
 Banana
 Milk
- Friday, Dec. 8**
 Turkey & Dressing
 Giblet Gravy
 Cranberry Sauce
 Corn
 English Peas
 Hot Rolls w/butter
 Rainbow Jello w/topping
 Milk

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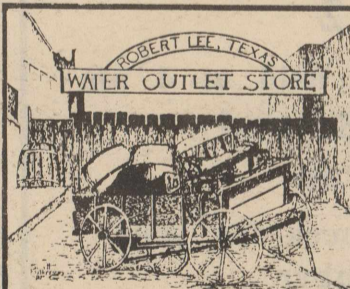
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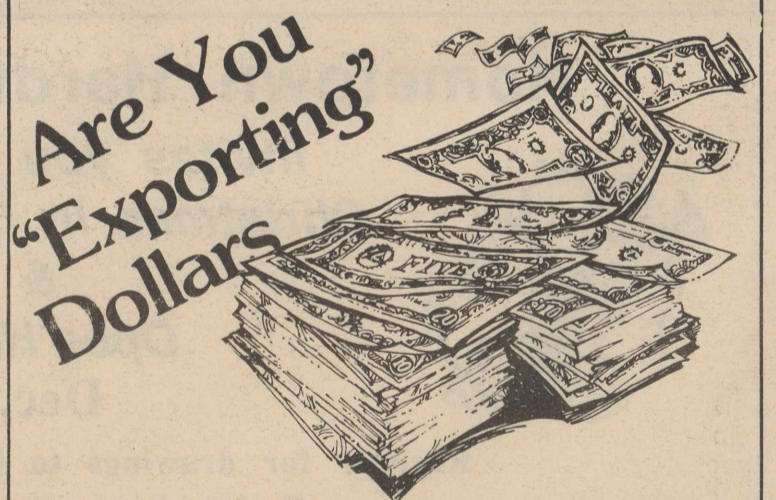


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If the seller is unable to ship your order with the 30-day limit, the seller must send you an "option notice." This notice tells you the new shipping date and gives you the option of either canceling or requesting a full refund. If a prepaid order is cancelled, the seller must mail your refund within seven business days and a charged purchase must be adjusted within one billing cycle.

As noted above, the "mail order rule" applies only if you order by mail. If the business calls and you place your order only by telephone, you have less legal protection than if you put your order in the mail.

If you do decide to order over the telephone, make a note of the date you order, the name, address and phone number of the company, and a detailed description of your order.

If you order by mail, it is wise to keep a copy of your letter or order form, as well as a copy of any advertisement that prompted you to make the order.

If the merchandise you receive (whether ordered by mail or phone) is substantially different from what you ordered, you have a right to cancel your contract. You should write to the company as soon as possible after receiving the merchandise, stating that you wish to cancel. If you have any doubts about the company's reliability or honesty, you should consider storing the merchandise as evidence until you receive your refund. Then, if you do get your money back, you can return the goods.

If you have a complaint about mail ordering or any other consumer problem, call your nearest Consumer Protection Office in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock, McAllen and San Antonio. The Attorney General's Office is the people's law firm. We're here to help you.

Drug warning advised

Al Sheldon, student counselor at Bronte, thought it appropriate that the Observer/Enterprise should print the

Drug education programs given

The Coke County Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse presented two Drug Education Programs at the Bronte Elementary School.

On October 24, Tom Watson, Project Director of the Council, presented a program to the fourth, fifth and sixth grade classes. Films were shown and a question and answer period followed.

On November 21, grades kindergarten, first, second, and third were shown films. Coloring books on Drugs and Alcohol were handed out to the children. A coloring contest will be held with the judging to be December 5. Cash prizes and ribbons will be given for first, second and third places in each grade.

Bronte Elementary Principal Robert Sanford and all the teachers are to be commended for making the programs possible.

Haley visitors noted in RL

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Haley of Robert Lee were blessed during these past Thanksgiving Holidays by having their children and grandchildren visit their home.

Visiting were their sons Jerry Lee and wife, Sandra, of Richardson, and Doyle Haley of Doral Springs, Florida. Their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Moore, Megan and Breyne of May, were also there.

drug warning below from the U.S. Border Patrol.

The U.S. Border Patrol is asking teachers and parents to be on the lookout for small tabs and stamps that might be in the hands of school children.

The tabs are dangerous because they could be laced with LSD, the Border Patrol says in a letter distributed to the news media.

A form of tattoo the size of a pencil eraser and called "Blue Star" has been found in the hands of children, the Border Patrol warns. "Red Pyramid," "Micro Dot" and "Window Pane" are other popular tabs drug traffickers are using to spread the use of LSD, according to the letter.

Brightly colored tattoo tabs with pictures of Superman, Mickey Mouse, butterflies and clowns have also been seen.

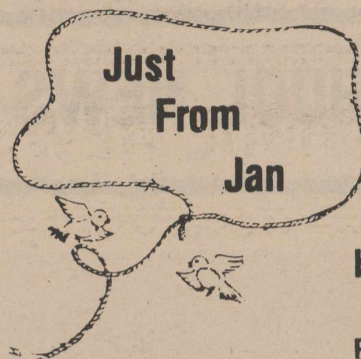
Teachers and parents are warned not to handle the tabs because LSD and other dangerous drugs can be absorbed through the skin.

Weight Watchers to meet at Bronte

Weight Watchers is forming a new group in Bronte. The first meeting will be held December 11, at the First United Methodist church. Weigh-in will begin at 5:30 with the meeting starting at 6:00. Carolyn McMunn, of San Angelo, will be the leader and the meetings will be 45 minutes.

Everyone interested in this program is urged to attend so an active group can be started here.

Anyone in Bronte who is interested in joining Weight Watcher's may do so for \$14.00 and may join on Dec. 11th and 18th.



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Extension Agent

KEEPING WARM WITH CORRECT INSULATOR MATERIALS

Now is the time to start thinking about dressing warm for cold days ahead.

New synthetic fibers have become increasingly popular as insulating materials for cold-weather wear. Down feathers, the old standby, may still be the most effective insulator against dry, bitter cold, but down has disadvantages that synthetics have been able to overcome.

Down mats and loses its insulating quality when wet, although a sufficient water resistant outer shell can help prevent this problem. Down filling limits design potential because of the volume needed for insulation.

Synthetic insulators can be used in sleek fashionable outerwear and other apparel. They can be used to line outerwear and other apparel. They can be used to line underwear, gloves, socks and hats and even serve as fillings for coats of classic styling.

Synthetics are considered more economical than natural ones since they can be used in a variety of weather conditions, they are extremely durable and easier to clean.

Down can be machine washed, but a long drying time is necessary to reduce chances of mildewing and to

thoroughly fluff the garment so that insulating qualities are retained.

Synthetic insulators are readily machine washable and require a short drying time. But the cleaning method may vary depending on the fabric with which it is used. So be sure to check the care label for recommendations.

The dozen synthetic insulators available are all variations of polyester. They keep the wearer warm by trapping body heat with microfilaments. Some are fluffy fibers, others are piles. Both types come in a variety of different weights, depending on the type of clothing they are used in.

Synthetic insulators may be only a fraction of an inch thick, yet as effective as thick down or wool piles, which insulate by trapping a volume of air within their fuzzy fibers.

When deciding between a natural or synthetic insulator, consider where the outerwear will be worn. Sports fans who sit in a stadium watching a football game on a cold dry day are comfortable and warm in down. Synthetics are preferable when there is moisture, caused either by the wearer perspiring or by weather conditions. Synthetic insulators can "wick" moisture away from the skin into an outer layer of clothing,

so many experts consider them ideal for clothing worn next to the skin.

Natural fibers are the best choice for second layer clothing in cold weather. Their absorbency makes them an ideal "sponge" for moisture that synthetic insulators "wick" away from the body. The best outerwear protects the body from wind and water. Synthetic materials specially designed for this purpose are the best choice.

Synthetic fabrics can be found in outer wear ranging from parkas to boots. The fabric is ideal because its pores are too small to let water penetrate from the outside, yet large enough to release moisture from the body.

King honored on 85th birthday

Dave King was honored with a celebration in his home on Saturday, November 19 on the occasion of his 85th birthday. The party was hosted by his daughters and husbands, Joyce and Bobby Walker of Odessa, and Gwen and Harry Anderson of Austin and Mr. King's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His family presented him with a money tree he said was "green and growing". Birthday cake was enjoyed by the group of relatives.

I take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for the office of County Judge of Coke County, Texas.

I can bring to this office over 30 years of working with people. This experience includes full-time Christian Ministry, work with senior citizens, experience in working with law enforcement personnel, family counseling, and offices in various civic organizations.

This experience qualifies me for the position of County Judge for Coke County and I pledge to the citizens of Coke County my most sincere and honest efforts in serving as your County Judge.

I respectfully solicit your support and vote in the upcoming Democratic Primary.

Your Servant,
Kenneth (Ken) Green

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



The 1989 Bronte Shorthorn football team is pictured above. They are: (Back row, left to right) Coach Rocky Rawls, John Johnson, Jay Parker, Jamie Healey, James Hambricht, Jacob Golson, Brent Taylor, Jason Flowers, Gary Bilbrey, Rudy Sanchez and Coach David Tandy. (Middle row, left to right) Ramon Fuentes, Devlin Pierce, Todd Harrell, Jamie Flores, Randy Bilbrey, John Lewis, Tim Lee, Brandon Tinney, Freddie Montez. (Front row, left to right) Manager Nicholas Arrott, Eddie Pullen, Justin Lampier, Jason Cooper, David Cason, Chris McPherson, Managers Cory Robinson and Chad Barnett. The Shorthorns ended their '89 season with an 8-2 record.

Jr. High basketball contests begin

Junior High basketball officially began for Bronte on Monday night, Nov. 20, when the Bronte Shorthorns traveled to Miles for A&B games.

The Lady Shorthorn B team had some trouble. Leading 3-0 after the 1st quarter they were outscored 10-4 in the second.

Trailing by only 3 pts., the girls put up a good fight, but fatigue and nerves took their toll. The final score was 22-11 in favor of the Bullpups.

Scoring for the Shorthorns were Gina Clayton - 4; Laura Thomas - 4; Mandy Dunn - 2 and Phyllis King - 1.

Action in the A game was fast and furious.

The girls scored 10 pts. in the 1st quarter and held Miles scoreless in the 2nd to lead 12-5 at the half. However, the Horns hit a dry spell and didn't score in a very important 3rd quarter.

Still leading by 1 with a minute left in the game Eyrin Pinkert of Miles sank a 3 pointer to give Miles the lead by 2. Tough pressure by the Horns turned up several steals but they couldn't be converted into points. They lost a hard fought 16-14 game.

Girls' Jr. High "B" team went down before Garden City 12-4. In that match Gina Clayton scored 1; Micah Arrott had 2 and Mandy Dunn 1. Their record is now 0-2.

The "A" team was dominated by Garden City 22-9, making their record 0-2. Scoring for the Shorthorns were Jennifer McCorkle - 2; Vanessa Halstead - 3; Jill Johnson - 2,

and Joni Barrett - 2.

Next scheduled action for the A and B boys and girls will

be at 5 pm against Robert Lee Monday, Dec. 4, at Robert Lee.

Ladies open over Miles

The Lady Longhorn basketball squad opened up the season with a 63-38 win over Miles on Nov. 21, led by Melinda Gentry who almost had a triple double with 12 pts., 10 assists, and 9 steals. High point Darla Scott had 16 pts. and 11 rebounds followed by Angela Reyes with 13 pts. and 7 steals. Eboni Taylor had 10 pts. and led the squad in rebounds with 15. Adding to the victory were Teresa Vaughn - 7 pts. and 5 steals; Jami Morrow - 6 assists and Donya Cooper with 6 rebounds.

JV girls also opened up with a victory 35-14. Making the count for them were Aimee Parker - 10; Alisa Richards - 6; Misty Mackey - 6; Jami Morrow

- 5; Kristie Cooper - 4 and Renee Tuinstra - 2.

The first home game for the varsity is set for Tuesday night, Dec. 5 vs. Miles.

Personal

Gary Don and Kathy Allen and sons, Michael and Marc, of Liberty, Utah were Thanksgiving guests in the home of Wink Kiker of Bronte.

Kathy, Michael, Marc and Wink went to Waco and visited Ronnie and Kreta Lee and girls and Gary Don visited his mother, Ina Allen, of Abilene who is in the hospital.

The Allens returned to their home in Utah Sunday.



High School Honor Roll

Principal Bert Johnson announced that the following students are on the 2nd Six Week's honor roll.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE 12th Grade

Melanie Allen
Connie Hargrave
Rochelle Jones
Christi McPherson
Jennifer Robinson
Kelly Scott
Kelly Webb

11th Grade

Melissa Bivins
Julie Blair
Misti Golson
Billy Magness
Lee Sonnenberg
Eboni Taylor

10th Grade

Alisa Richards
Tina Smith

ALL A'S

11th Grade

Brian Arrott

8th Grade

Amy Bailey
Kim Blair
Wendy Huckabee
Justin Lampier
Jay Parker
Casey Thorn

7th Grade

Micah Arrott
Amanda Dunn
Laura Thomas
Rhapsody Weaver

ALL A'S - 1 B

12th Grade

Donya Cooper
Melinda Gentry
Maria Puentez
Michelle Sanchez
Mike Walser

10th Grade

Shay Burwick
Kristie Cooper
David King
Corey Montez
Sonja Salser

9th Grade

Amy Allen

8th Grade

Jason Cooper

7th Grade

Jill Johnson
John Johnson

Breakfast

Monday, Dec. 4

Rice
Pineapple Chunks
Biscuits, Butter, Jelly
Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Cereal
Peaches
Biscuits, Butter, Jelly
Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 6

Scrambled Eggs
Grapefruit Juice
Biscuits, Butter, Jelly
Milk

Thursday, Dec. 7

Breakfast Pizza
Pears
Milk

Friday, Dec. 8

Apple Juice
Cinnamon Rolls
Milk

Lunch

Monday, Dec. 4

Fried Steaks w/gravy
Cream Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Chicken Patties
Corn
Blackeyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 6

Lasagna
Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Hot Rolls
Milk

Thursday, Dec. 7

Fish
Tater Tots
Carrots
Hot Rolls
Milk

Friday, Dec. 8

Sloppy Joes
Pinto Beans
Lettuce & Tomato Salad
Milk

Peanut Clusters



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Pierce named to SS board

Bronte resident Mickey Pierce was recently appointed as a member of the Selective Service System's local board which serves Coke County. The local boards, although in an inactive status, would be responsible for deciding claims for certain classifications, such as conscientious objection, hardship, and religious ministry, should a draft be reinstated by Congress and the President.

Board Chairperson, Raul C. Garcia, welcomed Mr. Pierce to the board and stated that he would be joining a select group of dedicated, talented individuals who have been nominated by the Governor and appointed by the President. They are donating valuable time in service to both their country and to the young men of Coke County.

All board members are trained to assure fair and equitable treatment of all young men, in the event of a national emergency requiring

a draft. Initial training consists of approximately 12 hours of instruction over a two-day period focusing on an intensive orientation to the Selective Service System, the major duties and responsibilities of local board members, and procedures to be followed by the board.

In addition to the initial training, Pierce will receive training in changes in the law, regulations, responsibilities, and related agency policies and procedures.

Although there is no authority to draft men into military service at present, men who are between the ages of 18 and 26 have a legal obligation to register with Selective Service with 30 days of their 18th birthday. The dedication of Mickey Pierce and other board members assures that these young men would receive a fair and equitable classification process by able, trained, and objective individuals should the need arise.

Patriotism essay noted

Pauline Coalson Thyfault of Robert Lee submitted this composition to a writer's contest recently. Rules dictated that the short work be true and deeply felt by the writer. Mrs. Thyfault felt in this present time when patriotism is at a low ebb with flag-burning, etc., it might be timely to share.

UNCONTROLLED PATRIOTISM

Excitement was in the air. People were rushing to and fro on Mexico City's Madera Boulevard that summer afternoon in 1928. Each was trying to move in a little closer to get into the funeral parade or to get a glimpse of the black box carrying the body of Mexico's beloved hero, Emilio Carranza, called the Mexican Lindbergh.

His plane had just crashed in New Jersey upon returning a good will flight of Charles A. Lindbergh. From my vantage point, standing on a balcony, I recognized some U.S. Air

Force officials, showing proper respect by accompanying the honored body home. The procession moved slowly along Madera Boulevard with the coffin that was then covered with tiny flowers that were being tossed by pretty little Mexican señoritas leaning from the balconies.

I had always felt a keen sense of patriotism and joy concerning the founding of my home land, knowing that our forefathers had knelt in prayer on the boat before setting foot on American soil, and had asked divine guidance, pledging each other that only God would be their king.

But never had it been so forcefully felt or deeply expressed as that afternoon when the funeral box, drawn by four black horses, passed in review before my eyes. Upon seeing that one-half of the box was draped in the U.S. flag and that the other half was covered with the Mexican flag, tears suddenly began to flow right down my cheeks. I could not stop them -- I dared not try. With Spanish-speaking people all around me, I just stood there and cried unashamedly. Old Glory had touched my heart and proved my patriotism!

Br. Elementary Honor Roll listed

Elementary Principal Robbie Sanford has posted the 2nd Six Week's honor roll for the 4, 5, and 6 grades. The roll includes:

Fourth Grade

A
Angie Shults
A B
Lana Balderas
Michael Martinez

Fifth Grade

A B
Michael Blair
Shea Kelton
Heather Knisley
Belinda Maldonado
Shelly Sims
Billy Tuinstra

Sixth Grade

A
Jonathan DeLaughter
Wendy Johnson
Shae Sanford
Jolee Woodward
A B
Nicholas Arrott
Melinda Mackey
Michael Maldonado
Cory Robinson

Buickeroods host family visitors

John and Dorothy Buickerood of Bronte enjoyed a six-day visit and pre-Thanksgiving mini-family reunion from his brother, Edwin and his wife, Helen, from Syracuse, N.Y., and his youngest sister, Doris Ackerman of Middlesex, N.J. It has been five years since they were here last. Ed got in some golf, thanks to a neighbor's kindness, and after a week and an early Thanksgiving dinner with the Bronte Buickeroods, flew home to enjoy the national Thanksgiving with their families, richer with memories and pecans.

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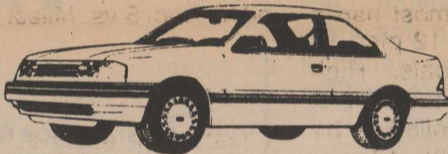
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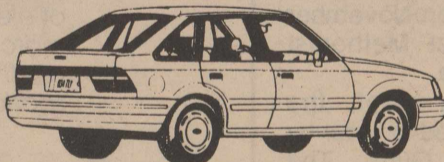
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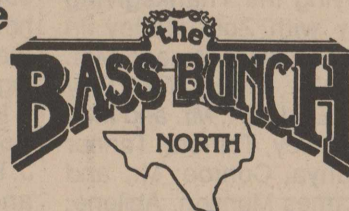
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A thief may go through the trash to find discarded receipts of carbons to use the card number illegally.

A dishonest clerk may make an extra imprint from your credit card for his or her personal use.

You may receive a postcard or letter asking you to call an out-of-state number to take advantage of a free trip or a bargain-priced travel package. When you call, you are told you must join the travel club first. You are asked for your credit card number so you can be billed for your membership fee. The *Catch?* New charges may continue to be added to your credit card at every step, and you may never get your free bargain-priced vacation.

You can take precautions to protect yourself against credit card fraud. You may also want to instruct any other person who is authorized to use your account to take these same precautions.

Poetry contest deadline

December 31 is the deadline for entering the American Poetry Association's contest. Entry is free and everyone is welcome to enter.

The Grand Prize is \$1000.00 and the first prize is \$500.00. In total 152 poets will win cash and publication prizes worth \$11,000.00.

"Unknown poets are just the ones we are looking for," said Robert Nelson, publisher for the association. "That's why I urge everyone who writes poetry to enter this contest."

Poets may enter the contest by sending up to six poems, each no more than 20 lines, name and address on each page, to American Poetry Association, Dept. CT-88, 250-A Potrero St., P. O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. Entries should be mailed by December 31. A new contest starts January 1.

Each poem is also considered for publication in the *American Poetry Anthology*, a leading collection of today's

Personal

Enjoying the Thanksgiving holiday with Zola Hatley in Robert Lee were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hatley, Goltry, OK; Billy Hatley, Enid, OK; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hatley, Tamera, Tanner and Tanya, Conroe; Mr. and Mrs. James Munson, Abilene; and Tracy Snyder, also of Abilene.

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poems.

During eight years of sponsorship the American Poetry Association has run 34 contests and awarded \$165,000 in prizes to 3,100 winning poets.

Retired teachers meet at Bronte

A delicious meal was enjoyed by 10 members of the Coke County Retired Teachers Association on November 20th at the First Methodist Church of Bronte.

Following the meal, the meeting was called to order by President Marie Guffy. The six members that attended the Fall Workshop in Comanche gave reports of the highlights of the meeting.

Plans were made to invite all Coke County teachers to a meeting in March to acquaint them with the TRTA organization. Details will be provided at a later date for the teachers to enjoy a delicious meal and good fellowship.

Members are urged to count their community work hours and bring the results to the next meeting for compiling the yearly report.

Members attending were: Ronda Wojtek, Laura Herford, J.T. and Sybil Henry, Luther and Marie Guffy, C.B. and Wanda Barbee and Jack and Nina Brewer.

Tips On Holiday Trips

Getting the family together for the holidays sounds like a lot of fun, but it can also be complex, crowded and filled with unexpected travel delays.

So while you hope for the best, prepare for the worst with these handy holiday travel tips:

- Confirm airplane, hotel and car rental reservations the day before departure: Reservations get lost. Flights get delayed, sometimes even cancelled. Don't be surprised by the unexpected and don't cause loved ones unnecessary worry when a quick call could put them at ease.

- Pack a snack: Bring along fruit, crackers, or snack-sized goodies. You never know how long your plane will sit on the runway or your car in traffic.

- Leave a day early; come back a day late: Don't travel on the heaviest travel days if you can possibly avoid it.

- Carry exact change in a convenient spot for pay phones, and to speed you through tolls.

And a final tip that most people don't think about:

- Check the weather where you're headed, with a call to 1-900-WEATHER. Knowing what



weather's ahead will help you pack the right clothes, alert relatives that you might be delayed, and prepare for possibly hazardous driving conditions.

1-900-WEATHER from American Express is the most convenient and comprehensive source of up-to-the-minute weather information for more than 600 cities in the U.S. and worldwide. For just 75 cents a minute, you can use your touch tone phone to find out if you'll need the sunblock in San Diego or the parka in Pittsburgh. For anyone planning on driving, 1-900-WEATHER also offers reports from November through March on weather related highway conditions in the 48 contiguous states, and for skiers, complete ski reports are available as well.

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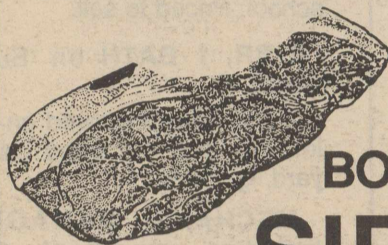
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ATTENTION INVESTOR & HOMEBUYER - Sealed bids will be taken on a 14X70 mobile home and lot located at 301 North Woods in Bronte, Tx. Price was reduced from \$12,500 to \$10,000. Contact Van Mills for additional information or for an appointment. Property subject to prior sale, rejection, correction or withdrawal. The Heritage Co., 1910 Sherwood Way, San Angelo, Tx. 76901. (915) 944-7686 or (915) 942-6756 nights and weekends.

09-TNC

GERMANIA FARM MUTUAL

Insurance Association - reasonable, sound insurance protection for your home and other property. If you want to save, contact J. A. Dunklin, 805 Vicki St. 915-453-2397, Robert Lee, TX.

05a-1tc

ARTS & CRAFTS for sale, 27 booths downtown Robert Lee, Saturday, Dec. 2, 2-4 pm. Merchant drawings, children's activities, Santa Claus, and more. Join us! WCCCD.

17-1tc

FOR SALE:

BEAUTIFUL HOME on corner lot, 3 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath with game room. Call for further details.

3 BDRM CH/CA, reduced price. Call today.

5 LOTS & mobile home. Owner finance.

EXCELLENT BUY on 3 bdrm, 2 bath.

ACREAGES AVAILABLE.

Showing FmHA and HUD Homes. Call for information Plus others.....



453-2226

Elaine Lee

453-2995

FOR SALE

THREE BEDROOM, 2 bath, located on 3 corner lots, super large metal shop bldg., greenhouse, storage bldg., patio, beautiful yard.

SEVERAL LOTS - Edith Estates

EXTRA NICE 2 BR, 1 BA located lg. corner lot, near school. Priced to sell.

2 BR, 1 BATH on Euel Street.

3 BR house located on lg. lot, c/h, c/a, enclosed back yard, lg. trees.

MECHANIC GARAGE - including equipment and some tools. Located on 2 lots, fenced yard.

HILLCREST - 2 BR, 1 BA located on large corner lot.

2 BR, 1 BATH on Zero Street.

We also have three FHA houses for sale



ADAMS LAND & REALTY CO.

Phone 453-2723 or 655-9429

Elsie Adams 453-2757

Becky Clendennen 453-4748

FOR SALE - PHASE converters, all size HP, used units available. Call 219-255-3198. 15b-4tc

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04a-tnc

AMWAY PRODUCTS

Mean Quality and Personal Service. Try us and see.

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Rhonda Hood 453-2065

453-2036. 15-4tp

TIRES, TIRES, TIRES ALWAYS ON SALE. Try our prices. Also special on flats repaired, with this ad \$4.00 Regular \$4.50. B & B ENTERPRISES. Bronte 473-2200 anytime. 15b-3tc

BEAUTICONTROL COSMETICS in stock- give her a gift of makeup personalized to enhance her own natural coloring. Nadine Davis, Robert Lee, 453-2150 after 4 pm. 17-4tp

SHOP AT HOME in Robert Lee. Select unique gifts at leisure, have them wrapped. No parking problem; no standing in long lines; no trouble giving a check. Get helpful, personal attention. Support the folks who support everything in our town. WCCCD. 17-1tc

BAKE SALE - FRIDAY, DEC. 1, Robert Lee Post Office, 9-12. West Coke County Nursing Home Auxiliary. 17-1tc

DICK'S FIREWOOD - Mesquite or oak wood for sale. We deliver. 453-2151, Robert Lee. 12-tnc

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Several one bedroom, elderly and low income units; 2 bedroom, low income family units, available now. For more information, contact Housing Authority of Robert Lee or call 453-2912, or 453-2802. 13a-tnc

TRAILER SPACES for rent - south side of Hwy. 158, 5 miles west of Robert Lee near Lake Spence. 453-2914 45a-tnc

GIDEON APARTMENTS, 453-2196, Robert Lee - Unfurnished apartments for rent, water & sewer paid. 3 BR, \$250; 2 BR, \$225; 1 BR, \$175. 2a-tnc

TAKING APPLICATIONS - for 1, 2, & 3 bedroom elderly and low income units. For more information contact Housing Authority of Bronte, or call 473-3541 or 473-4921. 13b-tnc

FOR SALE OR RENT - small 3-bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home on two corner lots, storage building. \$18,500 Sparks Burdett, Robert Lee, 453-2887. 26-tn,2tp

MISC

LES GRAY'S AA REPAIR Service-Mobile home repairs and service, power rotary sewer line cleaning. 453-2775, if no answer, call 453-2711 before 5:30 p.m. 12a-tnc

LONELY? NEED A DATE? Meet that special someone today! Call DATETIME (405) 366-6335. 14-4tc

BACK IN BUSINESS Ronnie Thorn's Water Well Service. 473-7931, Bronte, if no answer call 473-6281. 13b-tnc

TOMMY BLAIR WELDING AND BACKHOE SERVICE

453-2846

OILFIELD FARM RANCH

21 Yrs. Experience Fully Insured 24 Hour Service

ALL TYPES HOME & mobile home service and repair, including air conditioning, heating and plumbing. Also will do carpentry and painting. Loyd or Johnny Sevier, 453-2377. 22a-tnc

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No experience....All ages kids, teens, young adults, families, mature people, animals, etc. Call now!

Charm Studios 1-800-837-1700 ext. 8440. 14-4tc

WOULD LIKE TO keep your children in my home, any hours. Contact Mrs. Todd Lee, 473-5051, Bronte. 14b-tnc

DO ANYTHING CO. is now insulating outside pipes, raking leaves and any other odd jobs. Call Scotty McCorkle, 473-6611 or Gerald Parker, 473-3101. 16B-tnc

CUSTOM FARMING chiseling, tandem, planting, also tree work and fencing. Reasonable rates.

Call David Scott for est. 473-2409 14b-4tc

BAD CREDIT? We can help you restore your credit. Call Credit Services, 942-8749. 04-tnc

EARN \$7.75 HR. - We need assistance in evaluating and responding to daily work report submitted by our agents throughout the state. No experience necessary; Paid to complete training. Work at home. For information send self-addressed, stamped envelope, 9 1/2 inches long to: AWGA, Dept. E, Box 161189, Atlanta, GA 30321. 17-1tp

"ATTENTION: EARN MONEY READING Books! \$32,000/year income potential. Details. (1) 602-838-8885 Ext. Bk10218. 15-4tp

\$60.00 PER HUNDRED remaining letters from home! Details, send self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Associates, Box 309-T, Colonia, N. J. 07067 17-4tp

DAY LEASE for deer hunting. Call 473-7931 Bronte. 14b-tnc

* In-Board & Out-Board Repairs
* Boat Detailing
* New Boats & Motors
* Genuine Mercury & Evinrude Parts Available
HILLSIDE MARINE
Hwy. 158 W. - Robert Lee (915) 453-2146

SHAFFER FUNERAL HOME

BRONTE ROBERT LEE 473-3131 453-2424

MONUMENTS

Duplications Custom Designs

OLE TIME CHRISTMAS - downtown Robert Lee, merchant drawings; business open house with refreshments; arts, crafts, food booths; Santa Claus with children's gifts, carolers, and more. Saturday, December 2, 2-4 pm. WCCCD. 17-1tc

CHRISTMAS CANTATA - O' LITTLE TOWN, Robert Lee Baptist Church, 7:00 pm Sunday, December 3. Public invited. 17-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

BRONTE ALL SPORTS BOOSTERS would like to thank all parents who helped with the concession stand and the Halloween Carnival. A special thanks is due Beth and Gerald Parker and Patti and Scotty McCorkle for preparing the concession stand and keeping it running. A special thanks is also due Kay Robbins and Jerita Taylor for organizing the Halloween Carnival. On behalf of the Bronte fans and All Sports Boosters, we would like to thank our coaches for the excellent job they did with our kids. Bronte is very fortunate to have some of the best Class A coaches available in Connie Bozarth, Keith McCutchen, Rocky Rawls, David Tandy and Kevin Burns. Good Luck, Coaches, in basketball, track, tennis and golf. 17b-1tc

THE FAMILY OF Leland Hilliard wishes to express our sincere gratitude to the many friends for all their help and support during our time of grief. We thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, the Bronte Merchants for the lovely spray, food and memorials.

Gladys Hilliard M/M Turner Lee & family M/M Bill Hilliard & family 17b-1tc

PERSONALLY, I want to thank each of you for your acts of love and expressions of sympathy during the present loss of my loved one, Wilton, and in the past loss of my mother, Bonnie Robertson. These acts of kindness have meant very much to me. Thanks to each of you and may God bless. Bonita Robertson Hester 17-1tp

NOTICE

Lee Starling is now operating Starling's Garage. For all your automotive service and repair needs, call 453-2041

We also service farm tractors. **STARLING'S GARAGE** 604 E. 4th. - Robert Lee

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or 658-6039 655-0379

WHAT WOULD ANYONE DO without loving friends and relatives? We are so thankful God has blessed us with so many acquaintances. We want to thank each and everyone for the many ways you have helped to comfort us in this time of sorrow. Being with us, the many prayers, cards, food, memorials, flowers, kind work, words, and any other way you have expressed your love and concern means so much to each of us. Thank you for your kindness.

Family of Wilton G. Robertson
17-1p

NOTICES

TO ALL MEMBERS OF MT. Creek Golf Club: Our annual barbeque, business meeting, and dance will be held on Saturday, December 9, 1989 at 7:00 pm at the Coke Co. Recreation Center in Robert Lee. Notify the club @ 453-2317 if you plan to attend.

17-2tc

NOTICE OF CLOSING
The Coke County Tax Office will close at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, December 12, to enable the staff to meet with state representatives concerning policy and reporting changes coming to the County Tax Office.

17a-1tc

THE COKE COUNTY Sheriff's Department is now taking applications for office secretary / dispatcher in the sheriff's office until Dec. 8. Applications are available at the sheriff's office. Coke County is an equal opportunity employer.

16a-2tc

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION
Sealed proposals for 318.834 miles of seal coat on various limits of US 83, US 87, US 67, Loop 481, US 377, Loop 306, SH 158, SH 208, SH 137, FM 380, RM 33, FM 384, RM 479, FM 1223, FM 1678, SH 163, Rm

2084, Rm 2291, FM 2333, Rm 479 & SH 163 in Concho, Reagan, Kimble, Menard, Tom Green, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock, Runnels & Irion Counties covered by CPM 35-2-31, CPM 35-3-38, CPM 70-5-18, CPM 76-8-19, CPM 142-16-4, CPM 149-1-14, CPM 149-2-15, CPM 149-3-11, CPM 264-7-22, CPM 344-1-16, CPM 405-2-14, CPM 454-1-38, CPM 454-2-39, CPM 454-4-23, CPM 494-8-7, CPM 494-9-10, CPM 555-1-32, CPM 558-8-6, CPM 558-9-22, CPM 558-9-23, CPM 828-1-11, CPM 829-5-4, CPM 1364-1-12, CPM 1641-1-5, CPM 1641-2-6, CPM 1647-1-3, CPM 1647-2-2, CPM 1648-2-7, CPM 1648-3-6, CPM 1648-4-8, CPM 1923-1-6, CPM 2140-1-10, CPM 2140-2-8, CPM 2225-2-5, CPM 2934-1-14, & CPM 1648-5-8 will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, until 1:00 PM, December 5, 1989, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Evers C. Schmidt, Resident Engineer, Junction, Texas, and at the State Department of Highways and Public, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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16a-2tc

Skate Palace

Old Winters Hwy.
Ballinger, Tx.

NOW OPEN

Fri. & Sat. Nights - two sessions
6:30-8:30 pm - 8-10:30 pm

For Special Parties, call rink number...

365-5044 or 365-3481

Bronte Jr. High Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TEAMS
Nov. 20	Miles	There	5:00	A&B g/b
Nov. 27	Garden City	Here	5:00	A&B g/b
Dec. 4	Robert Lee	There	5:00	A&B g/b
Dec. 7 & 9	Miles Tournament		TBA	A g/b
Dec. 11	Sterling City	Here	5:00	A&B g/b
Dec. 18	OPEN			
Jan. 4, 5, 6	Water Valley Tournament		TBA	A g/b
Jan. 8	Miles	Here	5:00	A&B g/b
Jan. 13	Robert Lee "B" Tournament		TBA	B g/b
Jan. 15	OPEN			
Jan. 22	Robert Lee	Here	5:00	A&B g/b
Jan. 29	OPEN			
Feb. 1	Sterling City	There	5:00	A&B g/b
Feb. 5	Water Valley	There	5:00	A g A&B b
Feb. 12	Water Valley	Here	5:00	A g A&B b

"Here Comes Santa Clause, Here Comes Santa Clause...."

Travel down your hometown lanes this weekend and attend the traditional

"Ole Time Christmas" and "Christmas Party"

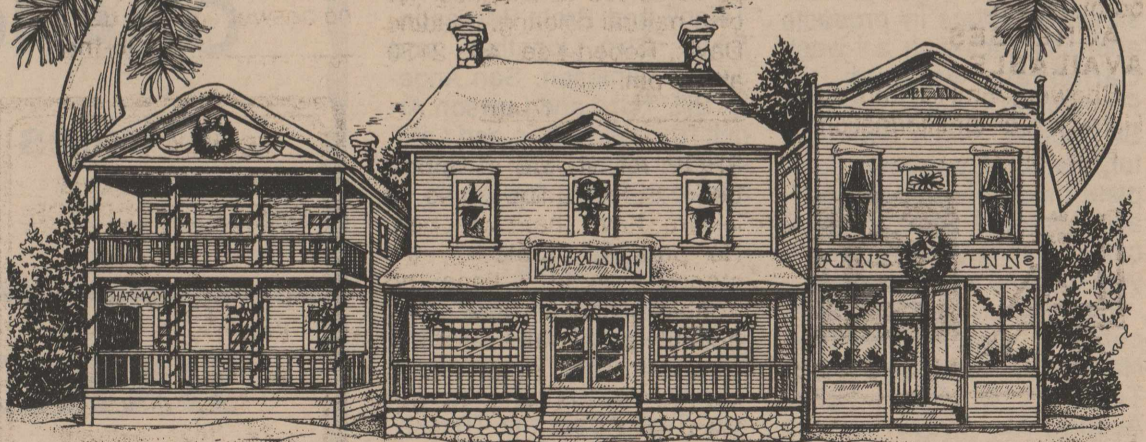
Saturday, Dec. 2nd ** 2 - 6 p.m.
Robert Lee

"Christmas In Olde Bronte"
Saturday, Dec. 2nd ** 2-6 p.m.
Bronte

SHOP AT HOME THIS YEAR--
Support Your Community*Support Local Employment*Save Time and Gas*Save Money*Get Personal Service and Quality Merchandise

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NOTICE

Effective Jan. 1, 1990

Recreation Permits Required For Persons 17 Through 64 Years of Age Will Increase To The Following Rates

DAILY PERMIT VALID 24 HOURS FROM TIME OF ISSUE **\$2⁰⁰**

ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL PERMIT VALID FROM DATE OF PURCHASE TILL DEC. 31st. OF YEAR ISSUED **\$20⁰⁰**

ANNUAL GUEST PERMIT VALID FROM DATE OF PURCHASE TILL DEC. 31st. OF YEAR ISSUED **\$50⁰⁰**

Recreation Permits Are Valid For Lake J.B. Thomas, E.V. Spence Reservoir and Stacy Reservoir

RECREATION PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR ANY USE OF THE DISTRICT'S RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDING BOATING, FISHING, CAMPING AND PICNICKING.

Colorado River Municipal Water District

Veteran benefits increase

More than 700,000 veterans and dependents will receive up to a 4.7 percent increase in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Improved Pension checks payable Dec. 31, 1989.

VA Secretary Edward J. Derwinski said he hopes to announce a similar increase in disability compensation rates for disabled veterans before the year is out.

VA pensions are paid to wartime veterans totally and permanently disabled from circumstances unrelated to their military service, and to needy survivors of wartime veterans.

The pension increase applies to 436,505 veterans of wartime service and 260,708 surviving spouses and children. Payment increases will also go to 31,311 parents of deceased veterans receiving Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits.

The increase in monthly payments is automatic and requires no action by recipients. Pension benefits range from annual maximums of \$6,767 for a veteran without dependents to \$15,222 for a veteran with three dependents who is in need of regular aid and attendance.

Unlike compensation benefits paid to veterans disabled by illness or injuries related to military service, pensions are affected by income from other sources, so the exact amount of the increase varies.

Increases in Improved Pension to wartime veterans and

their dependents and DIC payments to deceased veterans' parents are set by law at the same rate and date as Social Security increases.

VA pensions other than the Improved Pension remain fixed at the rates in effect in 1978. The income limits that control eligibility for these programs, however, also are increased by 4.7 percent, effective Dec. 1.

Recipients of these pensions may request transfer to the Improved Pension plan at any time. The VA reviews each request to advise beneficiaries which program would be most advantageous.

Veterans and dependents with questions about pensions should contact the nearest VA Regional Office.

Letter to the Editor

(Editor's Note: A copy of this letter was received by the West Coke County Community Development in reference to the recent Hunters Appreciation BBQ.)
West Coke County Merchants & Ranchers
Folks,

We really appreciate the Hunter's Appreciation Dinner you held for us in Robert Lee, Saturday, November 4th. The event was a nice, friendly family affair and we think it represented the spirit of your community well. Everyone in town we came in contact with greeted us with a smile and made us feel welcome.

This is a change from what we were used to in other areas. We like to associate with nice folks like you and hope to return for many years.

Sincerely,
Kyle McCarley
Vice President
Paris Lumber and Building Center
Paris, Texas

Jamesons host area families

Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed by a large group of family and friends at the home of Vera Jameson in Silver. Present for the meal were Maurice and Elna Duncan, Robert Lee; Bubba, Audrey, Candice and Allison Duncan, Roscoe; Ronnie, Marsha, Shane and Casey Devoll, Edmond, OK; Nolan, Glenda, Shawn, Rusty and Nola Adams, Big Lake; Tooter, Rosanne, Joe Ross and Margaret Ann Jameson, Colorado City; Cecil Jameson, San Angelo; Larry, Barbara, Tiffany and Brent Jameson, Silver; Glyn, Jonathan, and Jerriod Jameson, San Angelo; Bill, Terre and Lawson Arnett, Big Lake; Don and LaVina McDowell, San Angelo; and Jean Fields, Big Spring.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Hughes of Bronte visited their son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Sandy Hughes, of Pleasanton, Texas over the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Miss Teen entry information noted

Applications are now being accepted from girls 13 through 19 for the 1990 Miss Texas U.S. Teen Pageant.

The Texas winner will receive a cash scholarship, a tuition scholarship, an all expense paid trip to the national pageant including airfare, color portrait, crown, banner, trophy and a host of gifts and products.

In addition to the state title, awards will be given in leadership, scholarship, friendship and photogenic categories.

The Texas pageant will be held in Dallas at the Hyatt Regency DFW. Judging will be based on poise, personality, and school and community involvement.

Over \$100,000 in awards, cash and scholarships will be offered at the national pageant. Miss U.S. Teen will receive a cash scholarship, a 4 year tuition scholarship, thousands of dollars in products and gifts, including a 1 week Caribbean vacation at Frenchman's Reef Resort in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, a fur, diamond pendant, complete modeling portfolio, T.V. and personal appearances, crown, banner, trophy, and a year of travel and excitement.

For further information, contact: Carole Clements, National Director - Miss U.S. Teen, P. O. Box 1229, Auburn, AL 36830 or call (205) 745-6875.



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\$1.89

Heinz Keg of Ketchup

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Rice & Cheese Dinner

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Del Monte Seedless Raisins

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DUNCAN HINES

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2# Bag

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Parade Macaroni & Cheese Dinner

7 oz. box

3 FOR 99c

Hormel Vienna Sausage

5 oz. can

53c

Parade Pancake Syrup

32 oz. bottle

\$1.19

Salad Dressing

Reg., Lite or Cholesterol Free

MIRACLE WHIP

QT. JAR

\$1.69

Liquid Dish Soap

JOY

42 oz. bottle

\$1.89

Faultless Spray Starch

22 oz. can

99c

Bounce Fabric Softener Sheets

40 ct. box

\$2.29

Detergent

DASH

Family Box

\$4.99

Parade Stick Oleo

1# Quarters

2 for 89c

Parade Soft

OLEO

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59c

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7.5 oz. can

5 for 99c

Cheese

VELVEETA

2# Box

\$4.99

LETTUCE

California

Head

39c

Onions - Medium White

lb. 29c

Texas

ORANGES

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Wed., Dec. 6th

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